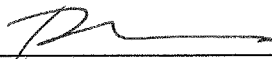


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Sir:

In response to the written Restriction Requirement dated February 9, 2009 in the above-identified patent application, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group III (claims 17-26), without traverse.

Applicants also elect viral vectors as the species of delivery method. Applicants further elect heart as the species of target tissue. Claims 17-26 read on the elected species.

A Preliminary Amendment is being submitted with this Election.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

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